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Harding College

Devoted to the Highest Ideals of Christian Learning

THIS IS HARDING COLLEGE'S TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF SERVICE TO YOUTH

Faculty Honors

President Benson

"Highlights in a Life" was the theme of a dinner honoring Pres. George S. Benson, given by the Harding Faculty February 3 at the Mayfair Hotel in Searcy.

Prof. Hugh Rhodes was master of ceremonies. George L. Rideout, principal speaker of the evening, gave an "off-campus" picture of the president. Rideout told of Dr. Benson's activities during the fund-raising campaign and of the great physical and mental strain and magnetic personality necessary for such work. Rideout is field representative for the college's department of national education and traveled with Dr. Benson during part of the campaign.

Several faculty members spoke briefly of interesting experiences from their associations with Dr. Benson. A number of faculty members have known Dr. Benson since the time he entered Harding as a student.

Representing the faculty, Dean L. C. Sears presented Dr. Benson a Hamilton wrist watch inscribed: "With Appreciation to President George S. Benson, from your faculty."

Dr. Ray Stapleton presented Mrs. Benson a bouquet of red roses as a token of the faculty's appreciation of her.

A male quartet, composed of Dr. Joe Pryor, Dr. Jack Wood Sears, Prof. Jess Rhodes and Prof. Andy T. Ritchie, sang on the program. A women's trio, accompanied by Mrs. Jo Bagnetto, also sang. The trio was composed of Mrs. Florence Jewell, Miss Annabel Lee and Mrs. Norma Ruth Rhodes.

A booklet, entitled "Highlights in a Life," and handpainted place cards marked the places at the tables. The booklet, illustrated by Mrs. Elva Phillips, associate professor of art, pictured and summarized major events in Dr. Benson's life.



C. Hamilton Moses, president of Arkansas Power and Light, spoke at dinner given industrialists by Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Benson (left) and Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of local chamber, are shown enjoying one of Mr. Moses' stories.

First "Freedom Forum" Attracts Industrial Men

The first Harding College "Freedom Forum," held on the campus February 28 to March 5, was highly successful, Pres. George S. Benson announced. A second seminar on economic education is scheduled for April 25-29.

One hundred and nine key management men, representing 55 companies, attended the forum. They came from 40 cities in 21 states.

Eight college students, two from each class, attended the forum. They were Doyle Swain and Dick Foltz, seniors; Roger Hawley and Bill Williams, juniors; Clarence Richmond and Julian Branch, sophomores; Cullen Witherspoon and John Anderson, freshman. The Academy sent two representatives each day.

A new activity of the college's national education program, the "Freedom Forum" used lectures, panels, group discussions and films to explain the free enterprise system and outline community and plant educational programs for teaching the American way of life.

Forum faculty included Dr. Benson; Don Belding and Jack Smock, respectively chairman of the board and vice president of Foote, Cone, and Belding; John T. Beatty, president of Employers Association of Chicago; Dr. Millard Faught, president of the Faught Company, New

York; and Charles McKeand, of Merchants and Manufacturers Association, Los Angeles.

Forum leaders from the college were Dean L. C. Sears; Clifton L. Ganus, professor of social science; and Carl Nater, George Rideout and John Schrade of the national education staff.

Ken Wells, director of operations for the joint committee of the Association of National Advertisers and the American Association of Advertising Agencies, supervised the forum.

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On The Address Side

Bison reporter, Ted Diehl, interviews Forum Conferee, G. Roy Fugal, as he prepares to return to Bridgeport, Conn., where he is personnel manager at General Electric Company. John Mason, of the national education staff, has introduced the two.

While on the campus Mr. Fugal spoke in chapel and interviewed several Harding boys for prospective jobs with General Electric.

Freedom Forum—

The week's program included a dinner for conferees given by the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, with C. Hamilton Moses of Arkansas Power and Light Company as featured speaker.

March 3, forum members saw the Campus Players perform in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Searcy townspeople provided housing for many of the visitors. Meals were served in the college dining hall and college music groups entertained after dinner.

As first conferees of the "Freedom Forums," the industrialists organized the "Freedom Forum Founders" and elected Harold M. Dooley, of Saginaw, Michigan, president.

In appreciation for the educational job Harding is doing, forum members presented Dr. Benson three \$200 scholarships for deserving students. They also made gifts to student dining hall workers and Mrs. Pearl Dodd, dining hall manager.

President Speaks On Federal Aid

Federal aid to education is a dangerous threat to principles underlying our American way of life, Pres. George S. Benson stated in an address recorded in the January 15 issue of *Vital Speeches of the Day*. His address was originally broadcast over the ABC network December 26, 1948.

Pointing out accomplishments of our present school system, Dr. Benson said that the consequences of federal aid are not difficult to foresee.

"Federal aid will ultimately mean federal control, and federal control will reflect in the class room the views of the government in power, and quicken our pace toward socialism," he said.

In operation, federal aid would tend to squeeze out private schools, he said. He pointed out that heavy taxation would shrink the sources of support for private schools.

"Federal aid is not necessary for an adequate school system," he said. "The states are solving their own education problems. During the past year alone they have increased salaries to teachers more than the \$300,000,000 sought in federal aid."

"No longer should the emphasis be put on how much we can spend. On the contrary, emphasis should be put upon moral purpose, sterling character, and loyal citizenship—qualities that can be developed everywhere, and money alone can buy nowhere," Pres. Benson said.

Vital Speeches of the Day is a semi-monthly publication that records important addresses of recognized leaders of public opinion and the best expressions of contemporary thought in America.



Mr. Dooley (second from left) and Ken Wells present tokens of appreciation from conferees to Mrs. Dodd and Dr. Benson. Forum members gave three \$200 scholarships to students.



Ken Brady, senior student, explains poster to high schoolers Clifford Payne and Patsy Grimmitt. Standing by at left are Miss Zelma Bell and Principal Perry Mason.

Guidance Class Sponsors Academy "Career" Day

Seventy-five Harding Academy students participated in the Career Day program held here March 5.

Speakers representing 15 professional fields appeared on the program. They discussed personal and training qualifications for particular jobs and told of job opportunities in various fields.

Skits on how to apply for a job and two films, "Wastage of Human Resource" and "Vocational Guidance" were shown.

Career Day was a project of the college vocational guidance class, under direction of Miss Zelma Bell. In preparation for the program they carried on several weeks of personnel work, conducting a poll for vocational interests and administering and interpreting interest tests for each student.

Most attractive fields were teaching, secretarial, music, radio, nursing, ministry and journalism.

Academy students published a special newspaper for the event.

Co-ordinator of the program was Ken Brady, senior student.

Lipscomb Group Visits Harding

A group of students from David Lipscomb College were guests of Harding's Personal Evangelism Class February 26-28.

The students, members of Lipscomb's Mission Study Group, were accompanied to Harding by Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Clipp.

Four members of the group, led by Ralph Meyers, spoke at the regular Personal Evangelism meeting on Friday evening. They visited college Bible classes on Saturday and presented a program before a joint meeting of mission groups, World Wide Mission, Deutchlanders and Personal Evangelism class.

Saturday evening they attended the Boy's Glee Club concert and the reception following it.

The visitors from Lipscomb were: Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Clipp and their son, James; Ralph Meyers; James South; Mrs. Helena Johnson; Ernest Krumrei; Frederick Chow, Joanne Fugiwara and Florita Agsalud of Hawaii; John Lieu from China; and Dieter Alton from Frankfort, Germany.

Bales Publishes Two More Books

Two more book titles have been added to Dr. James D. Bales' growing list of publications. He recently announced the release of *Christian, Contend For Thy Cause* and *The Existence of God*.

Christian, Contend For Thy Cause was written to encourage better debating among those who engage in public religious discussions. Dr. Bales brings much practical experience to this book.

The Existence of God is a debate between Dr. Bales and Woolsey Teller, one of the founders of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. The debate was held at Harding College October 6-9, 1947.

They debated two propositions. Mr. Teller affirmed "The Universe Is the Product of Non-Intelligent Causes" and Dr. Bales debated the affirmative of "God Is."

Dr. Bales recently sponsored the reprinting of *Infallibility*, a book on Catholic doctrine by George D. Salmon.

In the preface of the book Dr. Bales states: "The *Catholic Encyclopedia* has stated Salmon's *Infallibility* is the cleverest modern attack on the Roman Catholic position. It is more than clever; it is unanswerable."

B. C. Goodpasture, editor of *Gospel Advocate*, said: "The whole so-called 'Protestant world' is under obligation to Dr. Bales for reprinting this volume."

The Gospel Advocate Publishing Company reprinted the book.



Professor Ritchie introduces group to Dean L. C. Sears. They are: (Back row, left to right) Frederick Chow, Dieter Alton, John Lieu and Ralph Meyers. (Front row) Florita Agsalud and Joanne Fugiwara. (Extreme right) Howard See of Harding.

Millikan Says Progress Due To Religion, Science

Religion and science are the two great forces which pull mankind onward and upward, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel Prize winner in physics, told an audience of Harding College students, "Freedom Forum" conferees and Searcy citizens March 4. His subject was "The Two Supreme Elements In Human Progress."

Defining the essential element of all religion as unselfishness, Dr. Millikan said that never before in history has mankind faced a situation which forces every person to ask himself so insistently: "How can I help to make a better world?"

Man alone has the power of choice between good and evil and must live up to his "light," Dr. Millikan said.

"The job of civilized man," he said, "is to exercise his own intelligence to win as large a fraction of mankind as possible to the free choice of the good way."

"The supreme personal and individual opportunity and responsibility of every one of us is to shape his own conduct at all times, as in his own carefully considered judgment to promote best the well being of mankind as a whole."

The scientist said the sum of all such efforts would constitute "a first big step toward the attainment of that better world."



Dr. Joe Pryor, right, is introduced to Dr. Millikan by Pres. Benson. Standing by are Prof. Leslie Burke (center) and Dr. J. W. Sears.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE no one has questioned the existence of a department of Speech and Dramatics in our Christian institution, Harding College. Yet, I wonder how many of us have stopped to consider whether or not the department is making a contribution to the realization of the ideals for which the college stands and, if so, what these contributions are. Anything that is worth perpetuating must offer some justification for it. We cling to those things which prove their value and abolish or discontinue those things which offer little or no return for what we put into them. Let us take a look at what we are, the current progress we are making, and what we hope to become in the future.

Speech is a form of communication. It provides a vital means of establishing a flow of ideas. Harding College recognized that part it can play in getting people to think, form opinions, and act as they are guided by truths. The department of Speech and Dramatics feels that it is making a valuable contribution toward more effective spreading of these truths. Mark 16:15 says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We must tell people about Christ. Our ministerial students are realizing more and more the need of not only learning what to say, but *how* to say it in order to accomplish the Great Commission. This year we have set up a new curriculum, which enables a student to concentrate on perfecting his platform speech and relieves him of former requirements in the area of dramatics. This was designed to meet the need of students who intend to become preachers.

The Evangelistic Forum, a meeting devoted to giving students practice in preaching, is sponsored by a member of our staff. We meet with the group and give them detailed individual criticism on the delivery of their short talks on Biblical subjects.

We are always on the lookout for new literature published in our field, which we think will be helpful in developing the spiritual side of the student and aid in preparing him for leadership in the cause of Christ. This has brought such volumes as "Preaching and the Dramatic Arts" by Winston E. Jones and "The Church Play and Its Production" by Esther Willard Bates to the library this year.

We will present five lyceum plays this year. Here we see an opportunity to exert a good influence on our student body.



Speech and Drama At Harding College

By Bill Skillman

Assistant Professor of Speech

Nothing is permitted to happen on our stage which is unbecoming to a Christian or which will influence behavior contrary to the teaching of the scriptures. Each play is revised until it meets moral standards in every respect. In this way we provide entertainment on the campus superior to that which may be found elsewhere.

In looking upon the activities of the year, we cannot ignore certain limitations in our efficiency resulting from handicaps which we shall, the Lord willing, overcome. Like all other departments, we have operated without adequate physical equipment. The present building program, however, is designed to take care of this need satisfactorily within the next two years. Of course offerings have not been as broad as we would like, because of the inadequate size of our staff. Present plans are to alleviate this need in the very near future. In spite of these difficulties, we have managed to carry on, in part because of a motto handed down to us by that great teacher, Woodson Harding Armstrong, whose name is synonymous with Speech at Harding College—"What has to be done, can be done."

The entire staff was new this year, and, naturally, we expect to receive professional growth through experience gained at Harding College, which will enable us to perform our function in a more worthy manner as time goes by. We will try to maintain an awareness of our need for improvement, as we feel it is our duty to seek new and better ways to help carry out the job the college has to do. To that end we would appreciate suggestions from those who share with us the desire to continue to grow in service to Christianity.

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